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## Letter from John Muir to Mary and Anna Annie L. Muir, 1860 Nov ?

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sent them both went away  
 and then another came  
 came but no Marys then  
 still another came but no  
 Marys but a Jane there  
 another coming tomorrow  
 maybe her name will be  
 Mary. But all the Marys  
 and Annas will die some  
 day. You are young my dear  
 twins and perhaps you will  
 live a long time O how very  
 blessed you will be if you  
 live all the time with  
 Jesus who died on a cross  
 long ago for you O how  
 much he loves you surely  
 you will love him O how  
 your days. Be patient and  
 suffer all things for that  
 dear Jesus sake and soon  
 you will be with him in  
 the happy land far away  
 Goodbye my dear sisters God bless you  
 and all the rest

One morning when I was  
 half awake and half asleep  
 long ago when I was in my  
 bed Pa told me I had got  
 twin sisters I don't know  
 whether I was glad or not  
 but I rather guess if he had  
 come a minute afterwards and  
 told me that the twin sisters  
 had gone away up to the skies  
 among the clouds I don't think  
 I would have asked <sup>for</sup> the place  
 where they went up or cried a  
 bit after I got on my clothes  
 and had to go and see them I  
 am sure I would rather  
 have gone to school and got  
 whipped on both hands but I  
 had to go and had to kiss  
 them too O my kiss such soft  
 red looking things

But the sun rose some times  
and set some times and things  
are changed. And my day

Prider Chien to  
My Dear Mary and Anna  
My Dear twin sisters  
Goodbye

Your very affectionate brother  
John

Did I ever write to you Mary and  
Anna, before I grew not but  
you were dear before you knew  
although Mary I used to tell  
you and you used to scold me  
and say that me to be a better  
brother, then I would say  
"Mary I'll make you a pulpit"  
This was all good and Mary I  
don't think I will scold you  
so any more and you dear Anna  
you scolded too but you did  
not expect so much and I

used to scold you more  
and scold you more but  
I don't think I'll scold you  
any more. I suppose you  
want me to tell you about things  
now. Well I got into the car  
and away away away I went  
and and you did not kiss  
me first but the car hurried  
and away away away I went  
over hills over hills over  
hollows over hollows and  
marshes and bands creeks and  
bridges and rivers and they  
all whirled and I came to  
Madison and then I got to  
Prider Chien and this is  
Tuesday evening I am fearful  
to make machines. When I came  
here first there was two girls  
worked in the kitchen and  
what do you guess was their  
names just Mary and Anna